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July 8, 2021

TO: DIVISION OF FILINGS

RE: Case No. 2020-00387

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF GREEN RIVER SOLAR, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE TO CONSTRUCT AN APPROXIMATELY 200 MEGAWATT MERCHANT SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY IN BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY AND MEADE COUNTY, KENTUCKY PURSUANT TO KRS 278.700

AND 807 KAR 5:110

Please file in the administrative record of the above-referenced case the enclosed copy of letters from Chairman Michael J. Schmitt to Governor Andy Beshear, Meade County Judge Executive Leslie Stith, and Breckenridge County Judge Executive Maurice Lucas, all dated July 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Bridwell Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record



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July 1, 2021

Michael J. Schmitt Chairman

Kent A. Chandler Vice Chairman

Talina R. Mathews Commissioner

Hon. Governor Andy Beshear 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Siting Board Case No. 2020-00387

Dear Governor Beshear:

As the Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), I also serve as the Chairman of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board). Therefore, it is my duty to inform you that, on June 30, 2021, the Siting Board received an application from Green River Solar, LLC requesting a certificate to construct an approximately 200 megawatt merchant electric solar generation facility near Irvington, Kentucky. The proposed project will be located in both Breckenridge and Meade Counties.

The five permanent members of the Siting Board are myself; PSC Vice Chairman Kent A. Chandler; PSC Commissioner Talina R. Mathews; Secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet Rebecca W. Goodman (or her designee);¹ and Interim Secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet Larry Hayes (or his designee).²

In addition to the permanent members of the Siting Board, pursuant to KRS 278.702(1)(d)(2), the Governor must appoint two ad hoc public members to serve on the Siting Board for the duration of the case. Based on the facts as presented in the application one of the ad hoc appointees must be the county judge/executive of Breckenridge or Meade counties. The two county judge/executives shall choose which judge/executive will be chosen by majority vote. If a member has not been chosen by majority vote within 30 days of application filing the Governor shall appoint the ad hoc member.

Pursuant to KRS 278.710(1), the Siting Board is required to issue its decision granting or denying the application within either 120 days or 180 days (if a local public hearing is requested). Therefore, it is vital to the successful completion of the Siting Board's duties that the ad hoc members be appointed by you as soon as practicable.

¹ Secretary Goodman has designated John S. Lyons as her designee for this matter.

² Interim Secretary Hayes has designated Charlie W. Rowland as his designee for this matter.

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For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of Executive Order 2021-328, issued by you on May 18, 2021, appointing two ad hoc Siting Board members in the most recent Siting Board Case (Case No. 2020-00226). This format may be used by you to appoint the second ad hoc Siting Board member for the present case.

Please let me know if I can provide you any additional information regarding this case. Any communications regarding this case may be directed either to me or Jesse Fries, Staff Attorney III, at (502) 564-0801. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Schmitt

Chairman

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cc: Kent A. Chandler, Vice Chairman Public Service Commission
Talina R. Mathews, Commissioner Public Service Commission
John S. Lyons, Deputy Secretary Energy and Environment Cabinet
Charlie W. Rowland, Economic Development Cabinet
Matt Osborne, Office of the Governor





EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State Frankfort Kentucky

2021 - 328 May 18, 2021

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 278.702 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby appoint the following as members of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting:

Jeffrey Hoover, Jamestown, representing residents of Russell County; and

Gary D. Robertson, County Judge/Executive, Jamestown, representing Russell County.

Please issue commissions to them.

ANDY BESMEAR, GOVERNOR Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS Secretary of State

Michael J. Schmitt Chairman

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Hon. Leslie Stith, Judge/Executive 516 Hillcrest Drive, Suite 12 Brandenburg, KY 40108

Re: Siting Board Case No. 2020-00387

Dear Judge Stith:

As the Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), I also serve as the Chairman of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board). Therefore, it is my duty to inform you that, on June 30, 2021, the Siting Board received an application from Green River Solar, LLC requesting a certificate to construct an approximately 200 megawatt merchant electric solar generation facility near Irvington, Kentucky. The proposed project will be located in both Breckenridge and Meade counties.

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Pursuant to KRS 278.7210(1), the Siting Board is required to issue its decision granting or denying the application within either 120 days or 180 days (if a local public hearing is requested). Therefore, Governor Beshear will be appointing you as soon as is practicable.

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Michael J/Schmitt

Chairman

Governor Andy Beshear CC:

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Hon. Maurice D. Lucas, Judge/Executive P.O. Box 227 Hardinsburg, KY 40143

Re: Siting Board Case No. 2020-00387

Dear Judge Lucas:

As the Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), I also serve as the Chairman of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board). Therefore, it is my duty to inform you that, on June 30, 2021, the Siting Board received an application from Green River Solar, LLC requesting a certificate to construct an approximately 200 megawatt merchant electric solar generation facility near Irvington, Kentucky. The proposed project will be located in both Breckenridge and Meade counties.

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Sincerely,

Michael J. 8chmitt

Chairman

cc: Governor Andy Beshear

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